SUBJECT No. 56.

Disposal of *honge* leaves.

Messrs. (*a*) Khadrappa and K. Ramanna, Sidlaghatta Taluk; D. Venkatarayappa, Kolar District Board; (*b*) G. Rama Reddi, Bowringpet Taluk; (*c*) Thati Reddi and Chikka Reddi, Chintamani Taluk.

*Summary of Representation.*—(*a*) *Honge* trees in many villages have been destroyed by purchasers of *honge* leaves and seeds in auction sales during the recent years. In the interest of the welfare of the raiyats and also of the Government revenue, it is prayed that *honge* trees may be leased out in favour of the raiyats holding wet lands at the prescribed rate of Rs. 1-12-0 per 100 trees.

(*b*) *Honge* leaves are, at present, disposed of to the highest bidders in an auction sale and in consequence, the poor raiyats of the villages have to suffer. The old system of selling the *honge* leaves for manure to the raiyats of the village in which the *honge* trees exist may be revived.

(*c*) The present system of selling *honge* leaves along with the village *amarai* is working hard on the raiyats. The old *hanchike patti* system which was proper and more advantageous may be revived.

*Reply of Government.*—*Honge* leaves and seeds are now included in *amarai* and sold as such. There is no reason to interfere with the existing arrangements.

SUBJECT. No. 57.

Extension of the period of grazing in state forsets.

Messrs. Anjaneyasetty, P. Vasudeva Rao, Pavagada Taluk; Venkatappa Gowda and Narayana Gowda, Kankanhalli Taluk.

*Mr. Anjaneyasetty* represented the difficulties of the people in the Pavagada Taluk in the matter of grazing and he suggested that the period of grazing in the state forests might be extended to one year. He added that the present "close season" is least beneficial to the forests and that forest subordinates were giving much trouble to the local people.

*Reply of Government.*—Orders proposed to be issued in regard to the improvement of grazing facilities will be published in the *Gazette* in the first instance for opinion. Government are aware of the existing difficulties. Further representations may be made after the orders proposed to be issued are published.

SUBJECT No. 58.

(*a*) Reduction in the rates of grazing fees in State Forests;

(*b*) Abolition of grazing fees in State Forests.

Messrs. (*a*) N. Gurulingappa, K. Basalingaiah, Honnali Taluk; Y.K. Virupiah, Nyamti Municipality;

(*b*) A. Venkataramaiya and Patel Shankarappa, Tarikére Taluk.

*Summary of Representation.*—(*a*) The grass in state forests is not used by Government, but is wasted by fire during summer. If cattle are freely admitted into these forests for grazing during rainy season, chances of forest fires and consequently the loss sustained by the destruction of useful timber will be less. It is therefore prayed that raiyats may be permitted to graze their cattle free or if necessary, on payment of one anna per head of cattle. The present rates of grazing fees are very excessive and work as a great hardship to raiyats.

(*b*) The system of levying grazing fees in state forests may be abolished.

*Note.*—Discussed with Subject No. 57.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Abolition of seigniorage on charcoal.

Messrs. K. Basalingaiah, N. Gurulingappa, Honnali Taluk and Y.K. Virupiah, Nyamti Municipality.

*Summary of Discussion.*—To encourage the preparation of charcoal, no fees were formerly levied on charcoal prepared out of dead bamboos. The fee now charged at Rs. 2-8-0 per cart load of charcoal, works as a great hardship. People have been compelled to give up this industry as the rate is found to be exorbitant. It is therefore prayed that the fees may be abolished in order to encourage the industry and help the cooly classes who make a living by this industry.

*Reply of Government.*—The question will be considered.